

**HIGHLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**December 11, 2019**

The Highland Board of Zoning Appeals met on December 11, 2019 in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland IN. Mrs. Murovic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Leep.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Board Members Mr. Helms, Mr. Leep and Mrs. Murovic. Also present was Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator, Mr. Ken Mika.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 meeting were approved as posted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to be January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**Old Business: Approval of Findings of Fact for Michael Schmidt, 8316 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Highland, IN 46322,** requesting a variance to replace a fence beyond the build line. Property is on a corner. {HMC 18.05.060}(G)(5)(a) Permitted Obstruction in Required Yards. The following shall not be considered to be obstructions when located in the required yards specified: (a) In All Yards. Ordinary projections of skylights, sills, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features projecting not to exceed 12 inches; open terraces or decks not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground but not including a permanent roofed-over terrace or porch and not including terraces or decks which project into the required front yard by more than six feet from the front of the principal structure; awnings and canopies; steps which are necessary for access to a permitted building or for access to a zoning lot from a street or alley; chimneys projecting 18 inches or less into the yard; arbors, trellises and flagpoles; fences, screens, hedges and walls; provided, that in residential districts no fence or wall shall be located in the required front yard and no landscaped screen or hedge shall exceed three feet six inches in height if located in the front yard, and no fence, landscaped screen, hedge or wall shall exceed six feet in height if located in a side or rear yard. On a corner or reverse corner lot, the side yard setback shall be the same as the front yard setback on adjoining lots; fences shall not be installed beyond this point. No fence, screen, hedge or wall shall interfere with line of sight requirements for local streets or intersections. No fence, screen, hedge or wall shall be constructed of material that may be described as rubble, cardboard, chicken wire, trees and brush, corrugated tin, utility poles, railroad ties, barbed wire, broken glass or electrified material. The design, location and construction of a fence or wall shall be approved by the building commissioner prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Mr. Leep motioned to approve the Findings of Fact. Mr. Helms seconded and it was approved with a roll call vote of 3 – 0.

**New Business: None**

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Helms Second: Mr. Leep Time: 6:32 p.m.**